

Invitation
to Re connect

YES!



Dear Jammers,

It gives us immense joy and hope to be sharing this invite. As many people in India increasingly take a stand in various ways, the resulting social and political shifts are profoundly shaping our experiences—both in how we relate to the country and how we connect with ourselves and others—amid the broader conflicts unfolding both within the nation and around the world. We are witnessing violence, a growing culture and normalisation of hate and alienation, helplessness and apathy. With so much information and so many emotions coming our way, it can be challenging to stay resilient, hopeful, and inspired in our work. So why not come together, the Jam alumni in India, to jam once more—deepening our roots in community, speaking our truths, playing with possibilities, and finding resilience as we try to grow on our paths.



Why Jam Again?

This gathering of Jam alumni is a chance to:

- **Rest and Rejuvenate:** Burnout is real, and many of us are feeling the weight of it. This Jam offers space to rest and replenish, so we can return to our work resourced and energised.
- **Revisit the Jam Tools:** As we contextualize the JAM tools in the systemic challenges we face today, we'll explore new tools rooted in the body and play—like Theatre of the Oppressed, games, and body-based practices.
- **Reconnect with the Jam Community:** There is so much wisdom in the collective—this is a space to tap into that wisdom, share, listen, and grow together.
- **Collaborate and Co-create:** As we reflect on the breakthroughs we've had and the challenges we face, we'll explore new collaborations that can guide and inspire us on our path forward, and find ways to support, and uplift each other.



- **Resourcing Ourselves as a Collective:**

- a. **Tools for Systemic Change:** Through practices of collective sense making that is rooted in our own experiences of the systemic challenges around us, we discover ways to bring the JAM to our work and how we build the world we and our communities can thrive in, and not just survive. We also listen and share the diverse perspectives, practices and tools that we each bring to the collective.

- b. **Breaking away from Isolation towards resilience:** One of the challenges we often face is isolation—whether it's isolation from our peers or from our own hearts. At this Jam, we'll hold space for collective healing through practices like grief circles, where we can process the pain we carry and find strength in our shared humanity.



A Call to Rebuild

As we gather, let's reflect on how we can rebuild our work with new collaborations that create meaningful change on all levels—personal, interpersonal, and systemic. We are all doing important work in the world, but it's crucial that we pause to connect, to see the bigger picture, and to support each other in the process.

Come, re-join us for a powerful week of deep listening, self-discovery, and collective sense-making. Let's build a resilient community, like the Yes! community, where we can return to our bodies, our tools, and our purpose, and emerge stronger together. The jam will be a space to ideate further jam spaces that are needed and can be co created within the Indian ecosystem.



Remembering the connection between personal, interpersonal, and systemic at the jam:

Jam is a gathering of three different levels of change: the internal (self/personal), the interpersonal (relationships), and the systemic (the whole).

On the **personal level**, it is a place for participants to reflect on our life journeys and what makes us who we are today. It is an opportunity to deepen our purpose, ask meaningful questions, unlearn our fears and blocks, access our hearts, and open our minds to move ahead more boldly in the world. It is a time to recharge and renew while growing in self-knowledge and to experience self-care and personal sustainability.

On the **interpersonal level**, we come together to share our cultures, our creativity, our collaborative spirits, our stories and our struggles so we can deepen in our understanding of, and connection to, each other. We take an honest, courageous and loving look at the identities that define and often separate us – class, gender, caste, religion, sexuality, etc. The Jam provides a unique container, where continuous inquiry and intimacy create the alchemy to have these conversations in a focused, safe and compassionate way.

On the **systemic level**, we become clearer about the importance of our work, our vision for the world and their potential for even deeper, more meaningful impact. We get a chance to link issues that aren't commonly linked, to notice crucial intersection points, and get a clearer picture of the whole. We learn to connect the dots between our actions, work and lives, deepen our capacity to affect meaningful positive change in the world as well as collaborate together in new ways.



Who is invited?

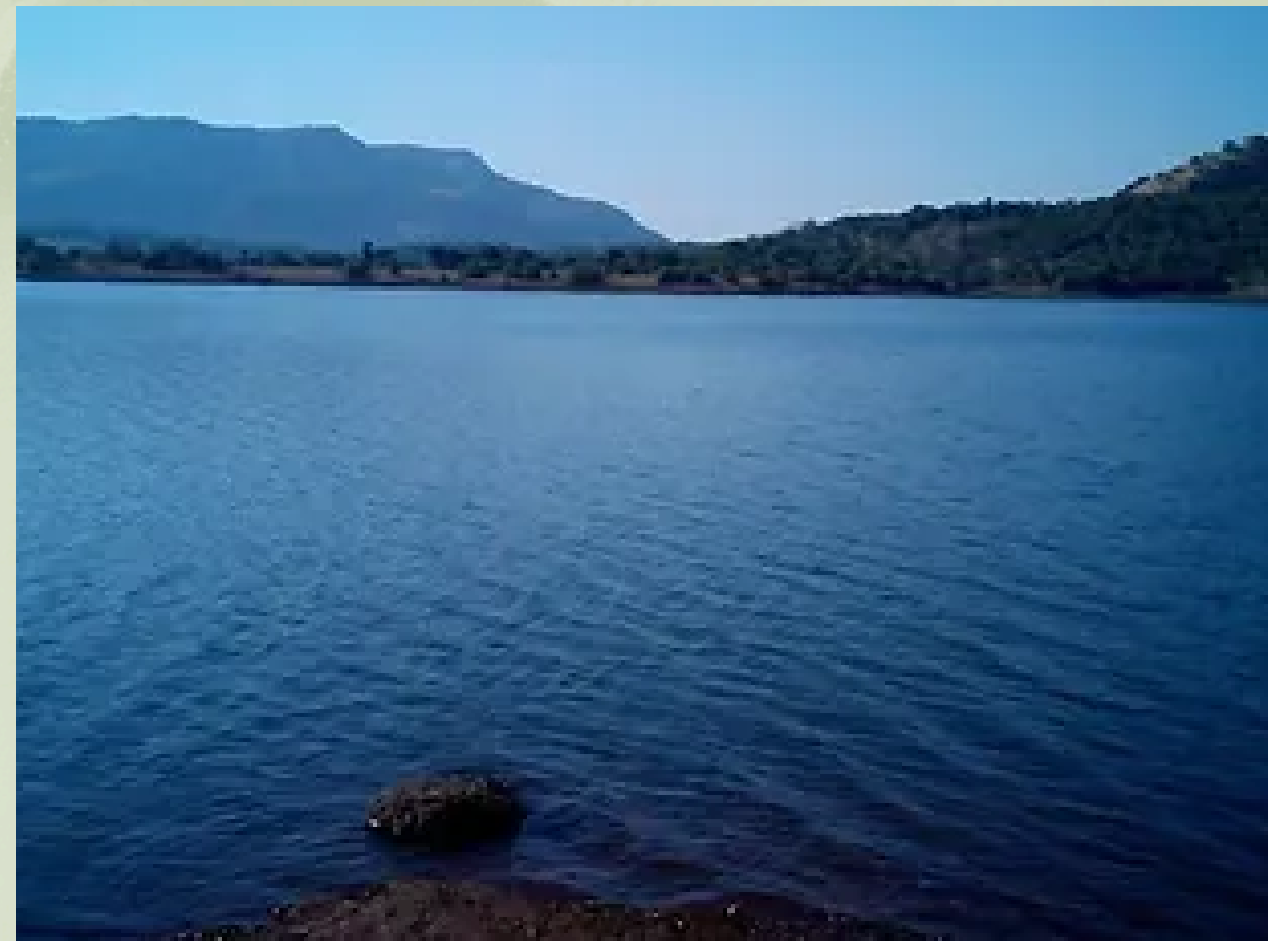
The jam is open to all jammers who have participated in any of the jams being held in India since 2012. The jam is open to all previous participants of the India Youth Jam, Eco Jam, South India Jam, India Arts For Social Change Jam, and the Delhi Jam. There is no age limit, we invite all previous participants of all ages to apply. Given the linguistic diversity of India and the language used in previous jams, the Jam will be held mainly in English. However, partial translation services for Hindi, Punjabi, and Malayalam will be available.

Venue and Contribution :

India Youth Jam for Jammers will begin at 11 am on 14 December and finish at 9 a.m. on 20 December 2024. Participants will be required to attend all days.

The Jam is usually held in a naturally beautiful place, away from the hustle-bustle of cities, so that it is immersive and rejuvenating.

This year it will be held at the premises of the TCT Workspace, Kamshet, Pune. The venue is an hour and a half drive from Pune airport and train station. Read more about the venue here : <https://www.thecompanytheatre.net/tct-workspace>



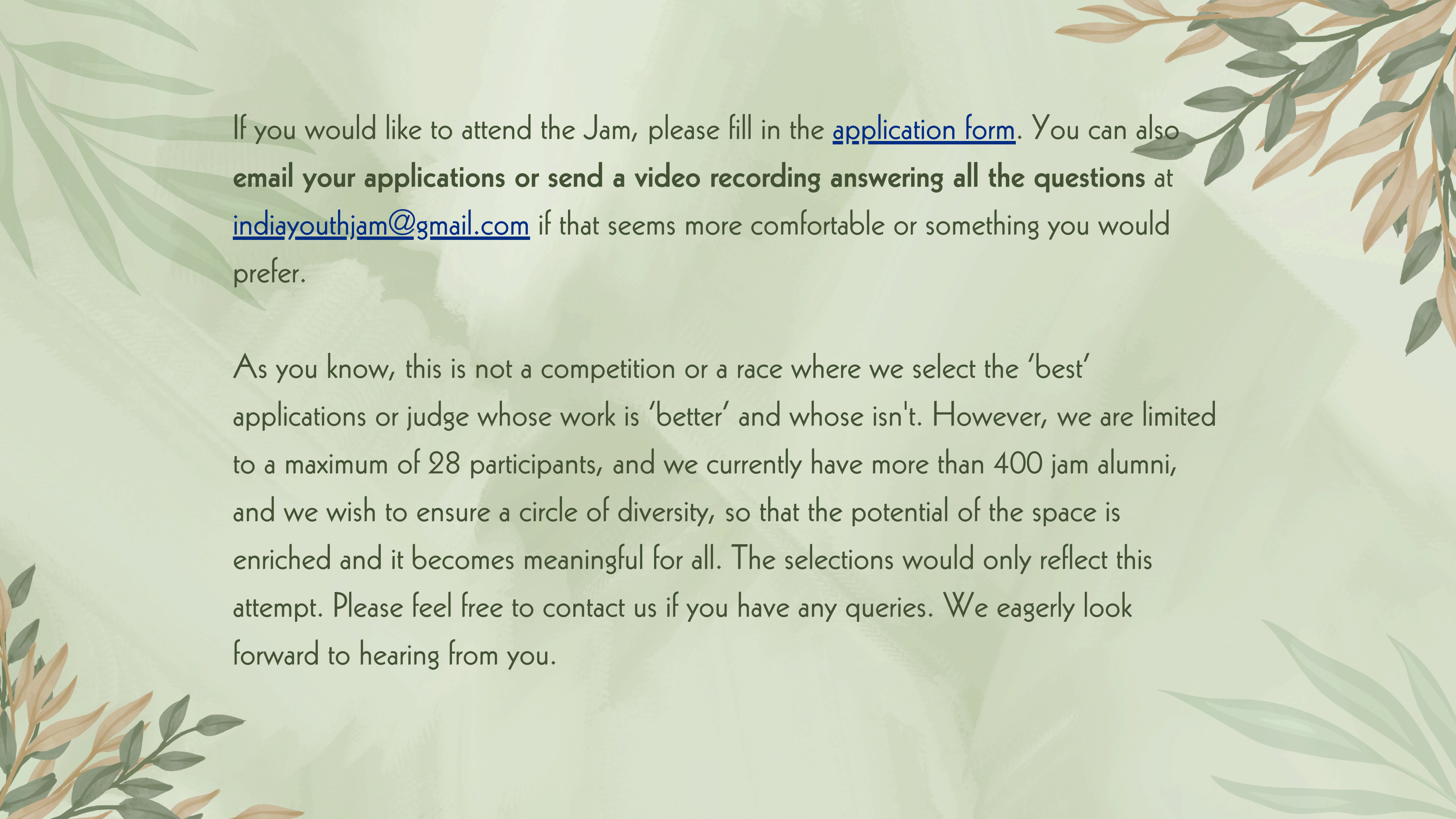
Contribution

We invite a sliding-scale contribution of Rs. 7,500-25,000

The actual cost of the Jam per participant is Rs 25,000. We recognise the different potentials people have to support the economy of Jam, and we have done some fundraising to make the Jam more affordable. And so we offer a sliding-scale - means that you can pay according to your unique financial situation, anywhere in the range of Rs. 7500-Rs. 25,000.

We request you to take a stretch i.e. paying a little more than what you comfortably can. This will help us have an inclusive group of participants and at the same time, be financially sustainable. We appreciate your efforts to find the money even if it is a little difficult (we can help you in asking for support from family, friends, your organization, etc).

Importantly, know that anything below Rs. 25000 is a scholarship. However, if you can't contribute the minimum of Rs. 7500, please mention that in the application form. (Money shouldn't be an impediment to your participation and we encourage you to talk to us so that we can find a solution together.)



If you would like to attend the Jam, please fill in the [application form](#). You can also **email your applications or send a video recording answering all the questions** at indiayouthjam@gmail.com if that seems more comfortable or something you would prefer.

As you know, this is not a competition or a race where we select the 'best' applications or judge whose work is 'better' and whose isn't. However, we are limited to a maximum of 28 participants, and we currently have more than 400 jam alumni, and we wish to ensure a circle of diversity, so that the potential of the space is enriched and it becomes meaningful for all. The selections would only reflect this attempt. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries. We eagerly look forward to hearing from you.



THANK YOU

Warmly,

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